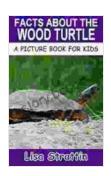
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Wood turtles are a fascinating species of turtle that inhabit the forests and wetlands of North America. They are known for their beautiful shells, which are often adorned with intricate patterns. Wood turtles are also relatively long-lived, with some individuals reaching over 50 years of age.



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In this article, we will explore some of the most interesting facts about wood turtles. We will also provide some tips on how to identify wood turtles and how to help protect this threatened species.

#### **Physical Characteristics**

Wood turtles are medium-sized turtles, with adults typically measuring between 5 and 8 inches in length. They have a dark brown or black shell with yellow or orange markings. The shell is slightly domed and has a serrated edge.

Wood turtles have a long neck and a small head. Their eyes are dark brown or black and they have a hooked beak. Their legs are short and webbed, and their feet have sharp claws.

#### **Habitat**

Wood turtles prefer to live in slow-moving streams, rivers, and ponds. They also inhabit marshes, swamps, and forests. Wood turtles need access to both water and land, as they spend time basking in the sun and foraging for food.

#### **Diet**

Wood turtles are omnivores and their diet consists of a variety of plants and animals. They eat insects, snails, worms, fish, frogs, and berries. Wood turtles also scavenge for carrion.

#### **Behavior**

Wood turtles are shy and retiring creatures. They are most active during the day, but they will also come out at night to feed. Wood turtles spend most of their time in the water, but they will also bask in the sun on logs or rocks.

Wood turtles are territorial and they will defend their territory from other turtles. They are also known to be aggressive towards other animals, including humans.

### Reproduction

Wood turtles reach sexual maturity between the ages of 5 and 10. They mate in the water and the female lays her eggs in a nest that she digs in the sand or soil. The eggs hatch after about 2 months and the baby turtles emerge from the nest.

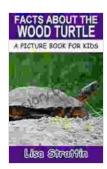
#### **Conservation Status**

Wood turtles are a threatened species. They are facing a number of threats, including habitat loss, fragmentation, and road mortality. Wood turtles are also collected for the pet trade.

There are a number of things that can be done to help protect wood turtles. These include:

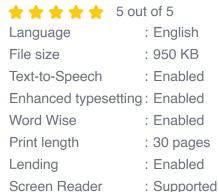
\* Protecting their habitat \* Reducing road mortality \* Educating people about wood turtles \* Supporting conservation organizations

Wood turtles are fascinating creatures that play an important role in the ecosystem. They are also a threatened species and need our help to survive. By learning more about wood turtles and taking steps to protect them, we can help ensure their future.

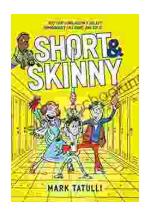


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